

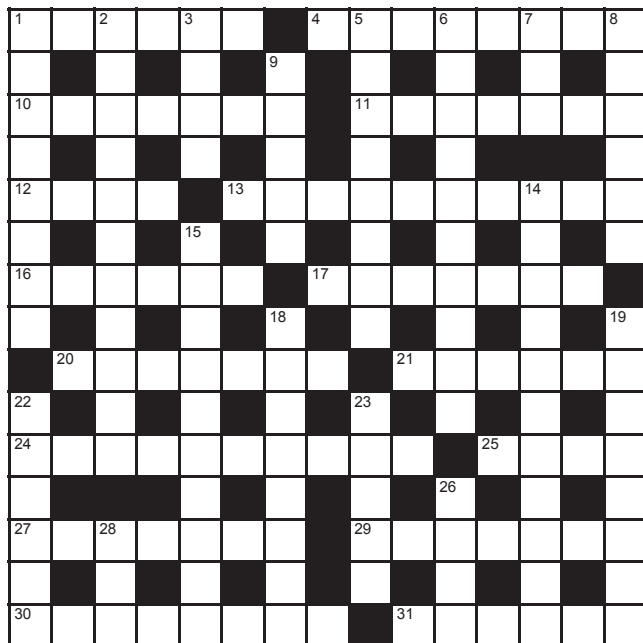
Crossword 15,838 Set by Mudd

ACROSS

- 1 Little mouth, perhaps, drinking glass (6)
- 4 Second page, second splash (8)
- 10 Busy time without leader and I (2,3,2)
- 11 He can put out books in entrance (7)
- 12 Present time inside volcano, electrifying! (4)
- 13 Fish sounding like my fish! (10)
- 16 Doctor was requiring the bandage (6)
- 17 Wine trade in champagne curtailed (7)
- 20 Witnessed about nine heading for Tiananmen Square (7)
- 21 Socialist European newspaper's breaking story (6)
- 24 Perfect fool has problem with lover (10)
- 25 Misery welcome briefly (4)
- 27 Reduce awkward length, squeezing one in (7)
- 29 Persian, say, in the style of new language (7)
- 30 Very much cut off, see (8)
- 31 Reporter, possibly, a wreck (6)

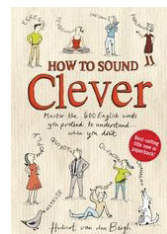
DOWN

- 1 My virtue (8)
- 2 Batter in? Ooh, out! Dra! (11)
- 3 PM last to take office (4)
- 5 Pervert hopes to occupy seat for voyeuristic entertainment (8)
- 6 Ancient scientist sounded into God (10)
- 7 Vocal character leaves (3)
- 8 Error message ends: wrong answer (6)
- 9 Claiming posh, common ladies and gentlemen phoney (5)
- 14 Stop – or unstop? (4,3,4)
- 15 Thrust initially in store, say, for athlete (4-6)
- 18 Creative girl with name to conjure with (8)
- 19 Doughnut: rank filling in endless fruit (8)
- 22 Book somewhere near Salford (6)
- 23 Standard merchandise (5)
- 26 Almost shut down, a covered walkway (4)
- 28 Chief giving up vodka, for starters (3)



Solution 15,837

Solution 15,826



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